

## **Brighten up Dalry Town Centre – Progress report. – 12/08/2015**

Dalry Community Development Hub helped organise and facilitate a meeting at Dalry Cross on 6<sup>th</sup> August 15.

An action had been agreed at the DCDH meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> June 15 that every effort should be made to make the community space at the cross more secure, replant trees that had been removed and improve the visual impact of Dalry Cross and its bordering areas.

The meeting took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> August, attended by Catherine McMillan, James McCosh, Alastair Adamson, Sheena Woodside, Myra Sim, Audrey Hillis, Robert Cuthbertson, Martin Gorman NAC, Chris Gooding NAC, Joy Eva Brahim, Policy Adviser to Kenneth Gibson MSP and Robert Barr.

The meeting discussed a number of issues and options.

After some discussion and debate a consensus was agreed, and Chris Gooding NAC offered to prepare a proposal within the next couple of weeks for comment. Alastair Adamson agreed to circulate the proposal to all interested parties.

The proposal will cover the following:

- Revising the current parking arrangements to provide “disabled only” parking outside the Kings Revolution. This addresses the problem regarding bollard positioning at the “community area”.
- Provision of more lockable bollards, and relocation of some existing bollards, to better secure the “community area”.
- Arrangements for Wedding, Funeral and other authorised user vehicles to access the secure community area.
- Provide update on arrangements already in hand to repair/replace the damaged railings at St Margaret’s church.
- Plant 3 or 4 new trees with suitable iron work, locating them in a fashion which will give access to their associated electrical supply and not obstruct authorised vehicle access.
- Consider improved seating and rubbish bins.
- Consider improved “Parking Notices” to help motorists find the existing and adequate parking facilities currently serving the Town Centre.
- Agreement by NAC to resolve any other visual impact issues observed during the meeting.

Robert Barr informed the attendees that the Dentist Building was already programmed for external painting.

Alastair Adamson agreed, on behalf of the DCDH, to progress the issue of a free “WiFi – Hot Zone” for Dalry Cross. This initiative will be discussed with NAC in conjunction with the current “Town Centre First” proposals.

The positive outcome secured from this meeting was the result of the joint efforts made by many local interested parties, and with the help and cooperation given by the representatives from NAC.